

of claims to two. Accordingly, it is believed that the present national stage application, as filed, reflects the previous amendment in the international phase so that there are two independent claims on file.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.121(c)(1)(ii), attached to this Preliminary Amendment are rewritten claims 1 & 2 with all changes being shown by interlineations (for deleted matter) and underlining (for added matter). Accordingly, the rewriting of these claims 1 & 2 should be construed under 37 C.F.R. §1.121(c)(1) as directing the cancellation of the previous version of these claims. Pursuant specifically to 37 C.F.R. §1.121(c)(1)(i), also filed concurrently herewith is a clean form of rewritten claims 1 & 2 with appropriate parenthetical expressions.

Abstract

Also filed concurrently herewith on a separate sheet is an Abstract of the disclosure pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.52(b)(4).

Remarks

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted in accordance with the spirit of 37 C.F.R. §§1.121(b) & (c), as well as MPEP §608.01(q), to substitute the original application papers with ones which more closely comport with U.S. practice and grammatically rewords various parts of the specification which were rendered somewhat awkward during the translation process.

Namely, pages 1-11 of the original specification papers are replaced with substitute pages 1-10, while original claims 1&2 are replaced by newly submitted claims 1 & 2. Also enclosed with this Preliminary Amendment for the Examiner's convenience are marked-up versions of the originally